STRATHBOGIE TABLELAND ACTION GROUP

While STAG does not meet in January, a number of projects have been proceeding.

Defibrilator - A defibrilator has been purchased and will be installed in an alarmed cabinet at a location still to be determined in the township. It will be accessible 24/7 and, once installed, a demonstration will be organised for interested members of the community.

Streetscape - The Streetscape draft was developed for STAG and has been available to the community for comment for several months. Feedback included:

- more shady trees and preservation of the cedar trees in Armstrong Avenue
- paint the outside of the hall and disguise the telephone exchange
- soldier and ram to remain where they are; both flagpoles to be retained as they serve separate purposes
- retain the swale drains
- review signage
- provide picnic tables and seating near Spring Creek bridge

The plan will be amended to include this feedback after which STAG will prioritise tasks and seek funding. It is unlikely that work will commence in the next few months as 2014/15 funding has been allocated to other projects.

Current Projects - STAG is providing funding to enable the Hall Committee and Recreation Ground Committee to undertake improvements to those facilities. Insulation is to be installed at the hall and the rec ground is having plans drawn up to enclose the concrete verandah. (continued page 3)

A message from CFA Hume Community Safety Team to Strathbogie Residents

Community Fireguard is a comprehensive bushfire safety program available free of charge for residents in high risk bush or grass fire areas. If you are passionate about keeping your home & property, your family and your neighbourhood fire safe, and if you can get together with your neighbours and other locals from around your area, then Community Fireguard is for you. Strathbogie has several Community Fireguard Groups. Many of these Groups now have new residents keen to join. Anyone can attend the centrally based program and then when the program is completed be offered full membership of one of these established groups, choosing one close to their home. The program being offered will provide you with the bushfire information to support actions you take to **protect your family, your lives and your property** in the event of a fire. CFG assists you to make informed decisions when it counts!

The interactive program is personalised, responding to the local environment and the members involved in the meetings.

1. CFA will run a central COMMUNITY FIREGUARD GROUP (CFG) for new residents or people wishing to join a CFG in their local area. Meeting 7:00pm Wed. 18th March 2015 in Strathbogie

Hall. RSVP: Sun 15th March: Mary Anne Egan 0428 937 210 imaegan1@bigpond.com

2. CFA will run a BUSHFIRE PLANNING WORKSHOP for Strathbogie residents. This is a three hour hands on workshop. Workshop commencing 2:00pm Sat 21st March 2015 in Strathbogie Hall. RSVP: Wed 18th March: Mary Anne Egan 0428 937 210 jmaegan1@bigpond.com

What's on March

18th March - 7pm - CFA Community CFG Meeting. Supper Room Strathbogie Hall

21st March - 11am - 3pm - Conversations - Local Government and Sustainability. 21st March - 2pm - CFA Community

planning meeting. Strathbogie Hall. **27th March** - SCOFF Harvest Dinner at the Strathbogie Hall

29th March - Open Garden - "Fernside" Hills Rd, Strathbogie.

2nd April - 6.30pm BBQ at the Rec Ground

10-12th April - Honeysuckle Festival, Violet Town

First Monday of the month - Over 70's lunch at the Hall. Ph Pam 57950000
Second Tuesday of the month - 7.30pm STAG meeting at Strathbogie Hall Every Tuesday - 9.30am Tennis at the Rec Ground, Strathbogie

Every Tuesday - 10.30am Tai Chi at the Boho South Hall.

Every Wednesday - Material Girls - 10am - Rec Ground - BYO lunch. Newcomers welcome - Ph Jenny Walker 57905111 or Jill Smith 57905159

Every Wednesday - 7.30pm Strathbogie Singing Group - St Andrews Church -Strathbogie (except in School Holidays) ph. Di Mackrell 57905241

Every Thursday - 6.30 pm Twilight Tennis at the Recreation Ground

Every Thursday - 6.00 pm catch up with friend over a local beer. Recreation Ground.

Every Friday morning - 9.15am Yoga - Strathbogie Hall

Every Second and Fourth Sunday -Church service at Strathbogie Church -11.30am

First Wednesday of the month - 1.30pm Strathbogie Garden Group. Contact Wendy 57908523

First & Third Sunday of the Month -4pm SCOFF at the Rec Ground Every Fourth Sunday 9-11am - Friends of the Bridge to Bridge. New members always welcome.







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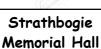




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Deadline for February edition - 27th March. Email: tablelandtalk@gmail.com, ph 57905203, post PO, Strathbogie, or leave contributions at the Strathbogie Store. The TT team.

(continued from page 1) **Current Projects** - STAG is providing funding to enable the Hall Committee and Recreation Ground Committee to undertake improvements to those facilities. Insulation is to be installed at the hall and the rec ground is having plans drawn up to enclose the concrete verandah.

Neighbourhood Safer Place - Members of STAG, Hall Committee, Golf Club and CFA met with representatives from the Shire to discuss the NSP. The purpose and requirements of NSPs was clearly spelt out - they are places of absolute last resort. A copy of the CFA's latest Fire Guardian publication has been place on the community noticeboard. This publication explains NSPs very clearly.

Tracks and Trails - To assist in the development and implementation of the Shire's Tracks and Trails Strategy an interested group met with the Shire's consultant to discuss priorities of the community, some of the challenges in regards to developing tracks and trails across the region along with many potential opportunities. A summary of themes identified will be available shortly and it is anticipated that the final report will be presented to Council around May.

Action Plan Review - It is planned to review the Action Plan over the coming months. Community input will be sought (most likely through the next edition of Tableland Talk) after which a draft plan will be developed for discussion at a community meeting.

STAG Meetings

To avoid clashes with other committees, STAG will now meet on the second Tuesday of each month commencing at 7.30 at the hall.

Tony cracks the whip

by Donmil

No wonder my position's Under such intense assault; The answer's bleeding obvious: It's Philip Ruddock's fault.

To those who say my brain's asleep Inside my cranial vault, Why can't you see, it isn't me? It's Philip Ruddock's fault.

To the backbencher's rebellion I've firmly called a halt; I've identified the problem – It was Philip Ruddock's fault.

Reminiscences - Before we came to Strathbogie, we had a little farm leased along Furlong Rd at the bottom of the hill.

In those days we got our fuel in 44 gallon drums (200 litres).

I often wonder why 44 gallons, but perhaps drums were used in overseas countries that had metric before we did

Our fuel at that time was "Atlantic" and we got it from Mr A Winburn in Euroa.

We also bought our power kerosene in big drums for the tractor.

Our lighting kero mainly came in 4 gallon tins (20 litres) for our lamps (including hurricane lamps).

This particular night we were coming home rather late and we ran out of petrol. This was a bit disconcerting as we had a full drum on the back of the ute.

As I remember it, the night was one of those balmy warmish nights, and, as we hadn't been married long, the walk home was rather pleasant.

It didn't take long the next day to come back on my pushbike with a pump and a bung opener.

I remember when I had my first vehicle I often ran out of petrol. My father once had a go at me: "You will have to be a bit more careful, son".

I rather sheepishly replied "Never mind Dad. One of these days I hope to have a car with a petrol gauge".

He, of course, didn't realise. Fancy having the luxury of a petrol gauge. A far cry from cars these days with flashing lights etc! by Ken Dunnachie

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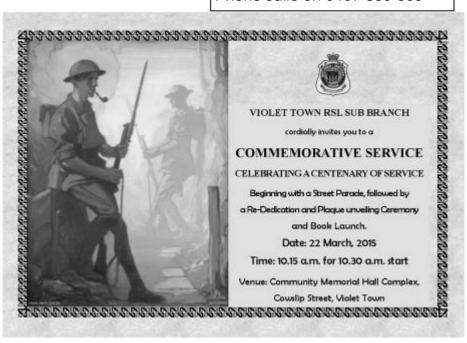
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Here we go again...

by Donmil

Though Tony may be somewhat short Of wisdom, judgment, knowledge, he's A master of the art of making Insincere apologies.

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Dates: Monday from 16 March to 6 April Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm Place: The Parish—Violet Town Cost: \$70 (does not include materials) Materials: Contact Tutor for Materials List Easels and boards will be supplied or BYO easel and board.

Tutor: Anna Mackrell To book a place contact Helen Keighery 0402 987 641 or Anna Mackrell 0429 464 923 / email: amac815@gmail.com. For more information regarding the course please contact Tutor, Anna Mackrell. Payment will need to be made prior to the commencement of the course. Anna has been a practising artist for twenty four years. She recently exhibited a series of floral still-lives at The Studio in Sydney. She has taught Life Drawing at Camberwell Community Centre, John Curtin and Rossmoyne TAFE. To further her professional development she participated in the New York Drawing Marathon.

Strathbogie Voices - Conversations Monthly in 2015

21st March - Local Government and Sustainability - Winsome McCaughey, Mike Hill (formerly Mayor of Moreland City Council), Lorna Pitt (formerly councillor Melbourne City Council), Janet Bolitho (former chair of the Local Sustainability Accord with the Labor Govt (State))

11th April - What Does Climate Change Have to do With My Superannuation? Bob Welsh (formerly CEO VicSuper). All sessions 11am to 3pm at the Flour Mill, Euroa. For more info and to book tickets see:

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Fri 20th - Winter Sleep" (M)

Sat 21st to Sun 22nd - "Two Days, One Night" (M)

& "Sepideh - Reaching for the Stars" (M)

Fri 27th to Sun 29th - "The Imitation Game" (M)

& "American Sniper" (MA)

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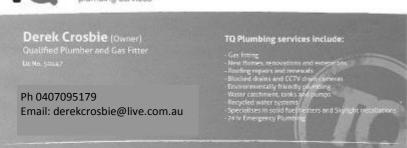
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Euroa Library news -

Craft Morning - Euroa Library is starting new monthly craft and coffee mornings

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Safer internet – creating a better internet together in the Strathbogie Shire - From cyberbullying to social networking, this year our aim is to be at the forefront of emerging online issues that reflect current concerns. Our focus this year will be "Let's create a better internet together". Join us in celebrating Safer Internet Day on 10 Feb 2015.

Our goal is to empower young people and their families to make the best possible use of online technology. It is a space where we can communicate together and exchange ideas, knowledge and information.

"It is important we share with the community ways to stay safe. We want to remind people to think before they post. Think carefully before posting pictures or videos of yourself. Once you've put a picture of yourself online most people can see it and may be able to download it, it's not just yours anymore." said Anne Tomietto, Community Engagement and Operations Manager. Anne Tomietto also said, "When using social media, don't post any personal information online – like your address, email address or mobile number. Don't befriend people you don't know. Remember, not everyone online is who they say they are."

Learning how to protect your privacy settings is important to protect your personal information and privacy. Keeping up to date with the latest security alerts and creating effective passwords can also help you keep safe. There are useful websites that can assist you to keep safe online. A useful website to visit is Cybersafety. Visit Cybersafety at www.cybersafetyhelp.gov.au. It is important to remember to respect each other and to look after each other online. Your library can assist you with other useful websites to help you stay safe online. Visit your library branch in Euroa, Nagambie or Violet Town to access websites.

5000 Poppies Project - The 5000 poppies project started its life as a very small personal project for fibre artists Lynn Berry and Margaret Knight. Their aim was to make 120 poppies Yes, that's right, 120 poppies as a tribute from Marg and Lynn to their fathers who both fought in WWII.

Lynn and Marg decided to take it to the wider community because there was such interest in what they were doing and it was obvious to them that others felt the same. So in the early days Lynn and Marg thought

5000 was quite a challenge. 5000 was set by Lynn and Marg in June 2013 and was seen as "a challenging but achievable target". They aimed to reach that goal in the 20 or so months leading up to ANZAC Day 2015. 5000 Poppies became an exciting and ambitious nationwide grass roots community tribute of respect and remembrance. It enabled all Australians to participate in a meaningful and heartfelt project.

The next target of 5000 was reached by Remembrance Day 2013. Lynn and Marg revised the target to 102,784. One poppy for every Australian soldier who has paid the ultimate sacrifice. Since then many, many, thousands of contributors have sent in many more thousands of poppies. Poppy contributions have been received from the USA, UK, Belgium and France. As of 21 Feb 2015 the official total of poppies stands at 120,803. This week Lynn and Marg received another 7,000 plus poppies, so the total is now pushing 130,000. That is incredible!

A field of more than 100,000 handcrafted poppies will be in Federation Square in Melbourne on Anzac Day 2015 for the Anzac Centenary Commemoration. The poppies will be a nationwide crafting community tribute to Australian servicemen and women and their families for their service and sacrifice in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations over the last 100 years.

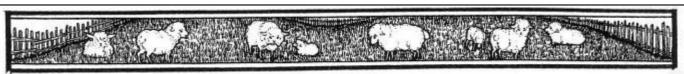
The challenge now is to put it together in a way that will withstand the rigors of touring. ."After the Anzac Day, we are planning to tour the project nationally from 2015 to 2018 with our ultimate aim being to gift the entire project to the Australian War Memorial for all Australians to enjoy" says Lynn Berry.

The Goulburn Valley Regional Library has been a collection point for Goulburn Valley residents since September 2014. We are collecting poppies until 28 Feb 2015. After this date, we will be sending in all donated poppies and dedications to Lynn and Marg. All poppies must be received at Poppy HQ by 15 Mar 2015. To date, our collection point has received 418 poppies. It's till not too late! Pop your handmade poppies in at Library Administration, 79 Benalla Road Shepparton.

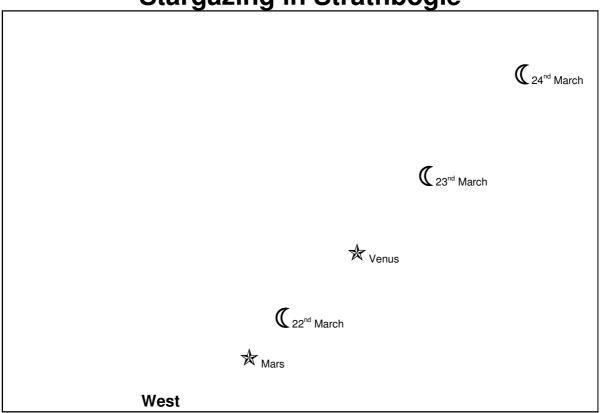
I am the Operations and Community Engagement Manger with the library service. I have crocheted and knitted a variety of poppies and I am including a dedication to my grandfather. My grandfather was Able Seaman Garth Woodgate number 20729. He served on a variety of ships including the HMAS NIZAM. He was a seaman for 10 years and served between 1935 and 1945. He returned, but suffered from skin disorders throughout his life. He was a gentleman and spoke rarely about his service. He never marched on commemorative days or discussed his navy service. This was simply his way of managing his trauma and living a life.

Please don't hesitate to contact me for more information. Kind regards Anne Tomietto.

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Stargazing in Strathbogie



The view looking West from Strathbogie just after sunset on the evening of 22nd to 24th March, showing the position of Mars, Venus and the Moon.

Information from Australian Sky & Telescope (David Joyce)

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Strathogie Campus March 2015

We're well and truly into first term now, and in fact only a few weeks off holiday time; we break up the Friday before Easter. Having a short first term to ease into the school year with is very pleasant for students and staff alike. It's been a busy term which began with the annual swimming program, and it's been great to see the improvement in confidence and abilities of the children over these two weeks. The program culminates in the Peranbin Swimming Sports where there is much friendly but fierce competition between the Houses. Well done to everyone for trying their best and to Blue who came out in front.



parents who helped out on the day, in the preparations before the event and also donated goods; Never Fail water for supplying over 200 bottles of water; Col from Mansfield Ice for supplying us with 15 bags of ice; Michelle and the team at the Merton Store for their ongoing support and helping us out with trays for the bain marie; Micheal & Candida Valmorbida for loaning us their deli meat slicer; Roz Willis for her lovely baking; Lachlan McDonald for his super job with the raffle and earning the school over \$450; The Strathbogie hall committee for loaning us a trestle table; The Merton Race Club for giving us the opportunity to have a stall; & to the Strathbogie Community for their continued support of the school and coming to the aid with lovely chutneys, jams and fresh produce whenever we ask!!! and of course to Katie Hill for all the extra work she does in the organising, invoices & receipts, making payments, keeping track of the monies etc etc etc As you can see from the thank you's that our school enjoys a massive amount of community support for which we are most appreciative.

Next came the Strathbogie Brewing Co celebration night where Suzie and her team provided stunning gourmet burgers—lots of thank you's there too — Dave & Sandy Joyce for their support, help, and huge sack of potatoes! Sonia, Juana & Chris, Julie & Brendan, Mayra, Katie Hill, Beccy & Hugh, Jarrod Garden, Annabelle James, Dana Last & Johnno O'Brien, Bridget, John Hooper for vegie donations, Toni Down, Sim & Kate, Nick Lester, Doug Watson for his giant cooking pots & the Rec Ground for use of the BBQ & plates!! Wow! And of course to Suzie for driving the whole fantastic night!

Then came a local Clearing Sale, soon to be followed by an Open Garden! This team of ours is getting quite a rep! We would also like to thank the Violet Town Op Shop for their kind donation of \$500 to our campus funds—please think of this wonderful op shop when you have items to donate—their prices are most likely the lowest in the state, and they have some great bargains!!

Our grateful thanks also go to David Hamilton, Strathbogie CFA for organising the removal of our large green waste pile—this made the school yard so much safer.

School Leadership Teams and House Captains have been elected. Well done to all the senior students who put themselves forward for consideration. We heard some great speeches! Our team for 2015 is as follows -

Co-School Captains Jack McDonald and Natalie Middleton

Bus Captain Elly Croxson Mitchell
Bus Vice-Captain Jessica Chapman

Junior School Council representatives Charli Russell, Ada McKeachie and Jessica Chapman

Yellow House Captain Mason Richards Green House Captain Jack McDonald Last week we took part in Clean Up Australia Day and picked up rubbish up and down the Main Street footpath and around the picnic area at the creek. Sadly we found lots of glass at the picnic area, however we were very happy to do our part to help clean up our environment.

We also took part in Red Balloon Day. We wore red today, and bought a gold coin donation. We also put up a sign on our front fence that we decorated saying Thank you to the CFA! and decorated the fence with lots of red and white CFA balloons. David Hamilton came to the school this afternoon in a big red fire truck. We got to see how the fire truck worked and the school captains gave David the money we raised for the CFA. We raised a total of \$56.60 for the CFA. We had a fantastic



day celebrating Red Balloon Day and showing our appreciation to the CFA. We even got to have a ride in the fire truck and use the fire hose!!!! Thank you to David, Andrew and Les for coming and showing us the fire truck, a huge highlight!!



At right: The school leaders



Dear Community, can you help with our fundraiser? Peranbin Primary College has been invited to cater morning tea for an important event at Violet Town on Sunday the 22nd March. For the centenary of Gallipoli a rededication of the avenue of honour will take place and a service will be held at 10.00 in the morning at the hall. The organisers believe there will be 500 people in town for the pageant by soldiers, light-horsemen, the band and visitors from around Australia.

The school has accepted the offer to sell sandwiches, cakes, tea and coffee, scones, slices, frittata – anything suitable we can sell for morning tea.

We need your help.

We are asking for home-made cakes and slices to be donated. Proceeds would go into a college fundraising account which would provide subsidies for camps and excursions, performances and equipment to benefit all Peranbin kids.

If you can help please call Charmayne Lane (Principal) on 5798 1431